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Indiana Solon Much Too Critical

Hoosier Democrats Get Hint--Hartke

Has LBJ Upset

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WASHINGTON: President Johnson, a sensitive man to criticism, is getting especially "touchy" with one of his sharpest and most constant prodders in his own Democratic party—Sen. Vance Hartke, the senior senator from Indiana.

Ohio's junior senator, Stephen M. Young, also a Democrat, is famous for his sharp tongue and has long been a critic of the administration's policies in Vietnam, but there is no real sign that the President holds Ohio senator at arm's length as he has been doing the Hoosier senior senator.

The difference may be that in addition to varying personalities, Senator Young made his views known in his customary style, independently, while Senator Hartke is credited with being an organizer with the Democratic party against certain of President Johnson's policies, not only in Vietnam but the tax program, and elsewhere.

Oddly enough, both Senators Hartke and Young came to the Senate the same year (1958) and both were considered to be strong supporters of President Johnson, then Senate majority leader. This was particularly true of Senator Young, who broke tradition and had the majority leader walk down the aisle with him for the swearing in ceremony.

SENATOR YOUNG has made some statements against administration policy in Vietnam, Senator Young made one daring statement that caused hardly a ripple. He said he was told by a Central Intelligence Agency official that the CIA had committed outrages in some villages with CIA operatives dressed as the Viet Cong to give the enemy a black name. The charge was denied, and not supported by any official critic.

Yet, Senator Young has maintained a close relationship with the White House.



SENATOR HARTKE



PRESIDENT JOHNSON

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